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In the name of the people, the Revolutionary Command Council, having seen the Constitutional Declaration issued 2 Shawal 1389 corresponding to 11 December 1969, the Petroleum Law number 25 of 1955 and the amendments thereto, and the Supreme Court Law and the amendments thereto, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Minister of Petroleum and the approval of the Council of Ministers; issues the following law:

ARTICLE ONE. There shall be added to said Petroleum Law number 25 of 1955 a new article numbered 22; the text of which is as follows:

A. Whoever violates the provisions of this law or the regulations issued thereunder shall be subject to a fine not in excess of five thousand pounds to be imposed separately for each single case. Such fine may be increased to ten thousand pounds if the violation is repeated.

B. The concession holder or the licensee shall be obliged, if he causes the loss or waste of crude oil or other hydrocarbons, to pay the value of such crude oil or hydrocarbons in addition to the fine referred to in paragraph A of this article.

C. The concession holder or the licensee shall be obliged, if he damages a reservoir as a result of failure to follow the provisions of the law or regulations issued thereunder or good practice prevailing in the oil industry, to pay the value of the resulting losses in addition to the fine referred to in paragraph A of this article.

D. The Minister of Petroleum shall issue the final decision on imposing fines and the amounts of compensation referred to in the above paragraphs of this article. The decisions of the Minister shall be subject to appeal before the Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of articles 21, 22 and 23 of the said Supreme Court Law.

ARTICLE TWO. The Minister of Petroleum shall implement this law which shall come into force as of the date of its issuance and shall be published in the official gazette. Revolutionary Command Council.

Colonel Muammar Qadhafi, Prime Minister
Izziddin Mabrouk, Minister of Petroleum

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